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THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GUILD OF ST. KATHARINE.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE NAME.

This Guild shall be called the Guild of St. Katharine.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE OBJECT.

The object of this Guild is to promote among young women a love for Jesus Christ, which will help them in the purity of their life and conversation, and will lead them to do some work for Christ in His Church.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE MOTTO.

The motto of this Guild shall be: "Be Thou Faithful Unto Death."

ARTICLE IV.

OF MEMBERS.

Section 1. Members of this Guild shall be girls over fourteen years of age, and young unmarried women.

Sec. 2. All persons shall be on probation for at least two months before admission.

Sec. 3. On admission, each member shall promise to keep the rules, and shall sign her name in the book of the Guild.

ARTICLE V.

OF MEETINGS.

There shall be a monthly meeting for the admission of members, and for a special service and instruction.

ARTICLE VI.

OF THE RULES.

The Rules of this Guild shall be:

1. To say daily morning and evening prayers and the prayer of the Guild, kneeling reverently.

2. To say grace before and after meals.

3. To attend Mass every Sunday, unless absolutely impossible.

4. If confirmed, to receive the Blessed Sacrament at least once a month.

5. To make a confession at least four times a year, viz: Easter, Whitsunday, Saint Clement's Day and Christmas.

6. To attend with regularity Saint Clement's Sunday School, unless excused by the Chaplain.

7. Always to be present at the monthly service of the Guild. In case of failure to give the reason to the Chaplain.

8. To give five cents a month to the Fund of the Guild.

9. To abstain from flesh meat on all Fridays and fast-days, and to make a special rule of prayer or Church work for Lent.

10. To send in a report every two months to the Chaplain upon the observance of the rule.

A member failing to keep the rule may be expelled by the Chaplain from the Guild. She may be re-admitted after a postulancy of one month.

Office of the Guild of St. Katharine.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

HYMN

(*During the singing of the hymn, the collection is taken.*)

Thou followest, Martyr of thy God,
The path the Only Son hath trod;
Thy conquered foes thou treadest down.
And gloriest in a victor's crown.

Now may thy prayers for us obtain,
The cleansing of each sinful stain;
So may sin's sickness take its flight,
Life's weary load become more light.

The cruel chains are now unwound
That once Thy sacred body bound;
So may God's Son earth's fetters break
From us, for His own love's dear sake.

All praise to God the Father be;
All praise Eternal Son, to Thee;
All praise, as is for ever meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.

Antiphon. With joy and gladness shall they be brought: and shall enter into the King's Palace.

Psalm XV.

Dominie, quis habitabit?

Lord, who shall dwell in Thy tabernacle: or who shall rest upon Thy Holy Hill.

2. Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life: and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

3. He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour: and hath not slandered his neighbour.

4. He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes: and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

5. He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not: though it were to his own hindrance.

6. He that hath not given his money upon usury: nor taken reward against the innocent.

7. Whoso doeth these things shall never fall.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Antiphon.

With joy and gladness shall they be brought : and shall enter into the King's Palace.

CHAPTER.

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report ; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

R. Thanks be to God.

Antiphon. Be thou faithful unto death : and I will give thee a crown of life.

MAGNIFICAT.

Or the Song of the Blessed Virgtn Mary.

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For He hath regarded : the lowliness of His handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is His name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him : throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with His arm : He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel : as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. Be thou faithful unto death : and I will give thee a crown of life.

Antiphon (to be said by all.)

Behold how good and joyful a thing it is : brethren, to dwell together in unity

V. As there are many members in one body

R. So, we, being many, are one body in Christ.

Let us pray.

Remember, O Lord, all our Brethren of the Sodality of St. Clement, whose names thou knowest Think upon them, O Lord, for good, and bring them at length to everlasting life : through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Antiphon. Ye wise virgins take your lamps : behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him.

V. The virgins shall be brought unto the King after her.

R. They that be her fellows shall bear her company,

Let us pray.

Bless O Lord, we beseech Thee all the members of our Guild and grant us, like St Katharine, to be faithful unto death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS.

ADDRESS.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by His cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING.

HYMN.

OFFICE OF ADMISSION TO THE GUILD

During the singing of a hymn the Sister shall present the candidates to the Chaplain, who shall say:

Q. Do you desire to be admitted a member (or probationer) of the Guild of St. Katharine?

A. I do.

Q. Will you try to keep the Rules and further the objects of the Guild so long as you shall continue a member (or probationer)?

A. I will

Candidate kneeling.

We admit thee to be a member (or probationer) of the Sodality of St. Clement, and this Guild of St. Katharine, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost Amen.

(In token whereof, receive this medal).

The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make His Face to ahine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, now, and for evermore. Amen.